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Dear Provider:

The Children's Special Health Care Services (CSHCS) Program of the Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) has worked diligently for the last two years toward compliance with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) of 1996.

- ♦ CSHCS continues outreach efforts and to communicate and train CSHCS providers regarding HIPAA compliance.
- ◆ CSHCS will provide ample notice of program changes related to HIPAA, Electronic Data Interchange (EDI), and Companion Guides through its web site located at: http://www.in.gov/isdh/programs/cshcs/provider.htm
- ♦ In anticipation of full implementation of HIPAA procedures, the ISDH/CSHCS created a Contingency Plan that allows providers to:
 - Conduct business as usual in securing Prior Approvals (PA), making inquiries about participants and billing, and submitting paper claims using standard coding.
 - Accept Trading Partner Agreements from providers wishing to conduct Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) for PA, inquiries, and billing.
 - Test EDI with enrolled trading partners.

CSHCS will mail additional information as available.